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**POLITICAL SENSATION
IN ENGLAND.**
A GENERAL'S AMAZING LETTER
TO THE PRESS.
SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS
AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.
London, April 7.
Major-General Maurice, ex-Director
of Military Operations, in a
letter to the newspapers, says Mr.
Bonar Law's statement on April
23rd that the extension of the
British Front was not dealt with at
Versailles is incorrect. "I was at
Versailles," Major-General Maurice
says, "when the question was
decided."
General Maurice also denies the
truth of the Premier's statements in
the House of Commons on April 9th
that the Army in France was stronger
on January 1st, 1918, than on Janu-
ary 1st, 1917, and that only "one
White Division was in Mesopotamia,
and three in Egypt and Palestine."
General Maurice hopes that Parlia-
ment will order an investigation into
these statements. He says his letter
is not the result of a military con-
spiracy; it had been seen by no
soldier, but many soldiers knew the
incorrectness of the statements
alluded to, and therefore they were
bound to impair the moral of the
troops.
LATER.
The following is a full summary
of the main passages of the letter
to the Press from General Maurice,
who until three weeks ago was
Director of Military Operations on
the Imperial General Staff.
General Maurice says: "Mr. Bonar
Law's answers to questions on April
23rd as regards the extension of the
British Front in France contain cer-
tain misstatements which in the
sum give a totally misleading im-
pression. General Maurice instances
the answer given to Mr. Pringle who
asked if this question had been dis-
cussed at the Versailles Council.
Mr. Bonar Law replied in the nega-
tive. General Maurice says: "I
was at the Versailles Council when
the question was decided by the
Supreme War Council to whom it
had been referred. This is the
latest of a series of misstatements
made recently in the House of Com-
mons by the present Government.
The Prime Minister on April 9th
said: 'What was the position at the
beginning of the battle? Notwith-
standing our heavy casualties in 1917
our Army in France was consider-
ably stronger on January 1st, 1918,
than it was on January 1st, 1917.'
That statement implies that Sir
Douglas Haig's fighting strength on
the eve of the great battle which
began on March 21st had not been
diminished. That is incorrect. In
the same speech the Prime Minister
said: 'In Mesopotamia there is
only one White Division at all. In
Egypt and Palestine there are only
three White Divisions; the rest are
small portions of British troops in
those Divisions. I am referring to
Infantry Divisions. This is incorrect.
This letter is not the result of a
military conspiracy, it has been seen
by no soldier. I am by descent and
conviction an sincere democrat as
the Prime Minister and the last
thing I want is to see the Govern-
ment of our country in the hands
of soldiers. My reason for taking
the very grave step of writing this
letter are that the statements quoted
above are known to a large number
of soldiers to be incorrect, and this
knowledge is breeding such distrust
of the Government as can only be
impairing the splendid moral of
our troops at a time when everything
possible should be done to raise it.
I, therefore, decided, fully realising
the consequences to myself, that my
duty as a citizen must override my
duty as a soldier, and I hope Parlia-
ment will see fit to order an investi-
gation into the statements I have
made."
DEMAND FOR A SEARCHING
ENQUIRY.
General Maurice's letter forms the
chief topic of the day.
The Westminster Gazette refers to
it as a grave communication only
justifiable by extreme public neces-
sity. It declares that the House of
Commons must insist on a searching
enquiry, whatever the consequences
to General Maurice or the Govern-
ment.
Other newspapers make a similar
demand.
LATER.
In the House of Commons, Mr.
Asquith notified that he would move
for a Select Committee of the House
of Commons instead of two Judges
on the Maurice affair.
The motion will be debated on
Thursday.
GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR A
"COURT OF HONOUR."
LATER.
In the House of Commons, Mr.
Asquith called attention to the letter
of General Maurice and asked what
steps the Government proposed to
take to enable the House to examine
General Maurice's allegations.
Mr. Bonar Law replied that the
letter raised two questions, firstly,
the question of military discipline
in writing such a letter, and second-
ly, the veracity of the Ministerial
statements. The first question was
being dealt with by the Army
Council. As regards the second
question, though obviously the
Government could not be carried on
if an enquiry into the conduct of
Ministers should be considered neces-
sary whenever their action was chal-
lenged by a servant of the Govern-
ment who had occupied a position
of the highest confidence, this matter
affected the honour of Ministers and
it was proposed to invite two of His
Majesty's Judges to act as a Court
of Honour to enquire into the alleged
misstatements of Ministers and to
report as quickly as possible.
Replying to Mr. Asquith, Mr.
Bonar Law promised a day for
discussion.
Mr. Lambert suggested that as the
question affected the House of Com-
mons—(Cheers)—the Government
should substitute for two Judges,
three distinguished members of the
House of Commons or a Select Com-
mittee of the House of Commons.
Mr. Bonar Law replied that the
Government was of the opinion that
the suggested Court was the best
method of doing what they consid-
ered necessary to satisfy the House
that they had not wilfully made mis-
leading statements. In order to
examine the question secret docu-
ments must be examined and it
would obviously be very difficult and
unsuitable to appoint a Select Com-
mittee of the House of Commons for
that purpose.
Mr. Asquith: Is it proposed to
introduce a Bill enabling two Judges
to take evidence on oath?
Mr. Bonar Law replied that under
the circumstances he thought it
necessary. He was sure every one
involved would be glad to place his
information at the disposal of the
Judges and if the Judges were not
given anything that they wanted
they would certainly inform the
Government.
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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on SATURDAY, the 11th May, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Office of the Jockey Club on the Ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, May 4, 1918. 387

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings on SATURDAY, the 11th May, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1918, and electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12 o'clock noon April 9th to 12 o'clock noon May 11th. By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
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Hongkong, April 28, 1918. 382

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the LARGE DINING ROOM on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., at 5.30 P.M. Business—As set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,
E. DES VŒUX,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 7, 1918. 385

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 11 A.M. on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1917, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th May to the 17th May, 1918, both days inclusive.

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W. G. DABRY,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 2, 1918. 382

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, at Noon. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd May to the 17th May, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, April 28, 1918. 387

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Hongkong, May 2, 1918. 388

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THE PATH TO THE EAST.

GERMAN MENACE TO INDIA.

HOW "WHITE PERIL" CAN BE MET.

[By GEORGE FREDERIC LEE.]
"We are a great Eastern Power, and any one who regards the situation at all closely will realize that the view which is taken of our position in India is itself not merely a question of morale or prestige, but it is a question of our strength in India, and of what possible prestige may come from it."—Mr. Bonar Law, in the House of Commons, March 7th, 1918.

Study the war map and the speeches of enemy diplomats, and you will begin to realise how ominous these words of the Chancellor of the Exchequer are. We have indeed entered on that new stage of the great war which was foreseen months—nay, years—ago by many perspicacious students of international politics. The future is fraught with the gravest danger to Great Britain and the cause of the Entente Powers. Now or never is the time for us to pull ourselves together and to take a broad view of the political situation which will develop into either the utter defeat of Germany or the perpetual enslavement of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom. The "United Kingdom, have I written? Yes. In the main, I think, we justify the title. But there is still need for greater unity if we would quickly checkmate the pillars of the North, as with their battle-cry of "Drang nach Osten" resounding in Southern Russia and Rumania, they make ready to attempt to hack their way to the East and India. We may never again see Sir Edward Carson's German rifles, still in the Ulster, turned against the fellow-countrymen of that Baron Kuhlmann who was welcomed to the North of Ireland to see the preparations for the insurance which Germany was eagerly awaiting, but we can at least make up our minds to put on one side every extraneous question which prevents us getting on with the war. Enough then, of party politics, enough of this grumbling over the shortage of this or that article of food and the general dearth of living. Remember that things are ten times worse in Germany and Austria. Once we have won the war, we shall soon make up for our losses. And to enable us to win the war, we cannot do better as I began by saying, than study the map.

ROUTES TOWARDS THE EAST.

All the eastward lines between Finland and the Black Sea are in the hands of Germany. Troops have been landed in the Åland Islands and in Finland. The first step has been taken to convert the Baltic into a German lake. Rumania is being forced to aid in the transport of German troops to Odessa, on the Black Sea, whilst the Russians are made to hand over Bessarabia to the Turks, thus controlling the trans-Caspian route to the border of Afghanistan and the North of India. Herr Vokser, the Rumanian Prime Minister, speaking on the subject of the treaty which Germany hopes she will be able to impose on Rumania, has opened our eyes to the possibility of two new frontiers leading towards the East. The project is an old one, but it is now

back to 1899, at the time of the first Russo-German Treaty regarding the railway into Asia, according to which the Baghdad line was to follow a much more northerly route than that eventually decided upon in deference to the feelings of the Tsar and his advisers. Now that Russia has fallen into the hands of the Central Empires, the Pan-Germans, aided by the newly formed Germany-India League and other similar Associations, have returned to this early scheme, which they are endeavouring to adapt to present circumstances and even to surpass.

The shortest path to the East, say Pan-Germans, no longer passes through Armenia; it follows regions to the north of the Black Sea, and has the additional advantage of being already partly constructed. Indeed, as a well-known French expert has pointed out:—"The joining up of Russian railways can supply the much-desired route with relative ease. If the Caucasian railway, the trans-Caspian, were to fall into the hands of Germany's allies, the Germans would be in free communication with Afghanistan and Turkestan. They would thus be at the door of India and China. What better reply could they make to the conquest of Baghdad by the British?"

And the writer proceeds to make some very pertinent remarks regarding the changed situation through Russia's downfall, and the danger which lies to the Entente cause in the Turkish population of our unfortunate former ally.

ANOTHER TRIPLE ALLIANCE.
There are no fewer than 18,000,000 Turks in the Russian Empire, and these must certainly be taken into account when forming an opinion on the present war map. They are distributed in three regions—the Kazan, the Caucasus, and Turkestan—where they are united with the Chinese Mahomedans. Germany has been working in these regions for years past, and the fruits of her innumerable agents and spies in the East are now being reaped. Last April a number of Congresses there, resolutions in which frequent reference is made to the Powers that "oppress" Islam—namely, France, and especially Britain.

The object of Germany has in view is another Triple Alliance, this time between Turkey, Persia, and Afghanistan, and under the control of the Wilhelmstrasse in Berlin. As we see this plan developing in the East, we are reminded of the fact that Germany, aiming at world domination, always planned to bring about the downfall of the British Empire by means of two great wars. The first was to be fought with Russia. But, unfortunately for Germany, she did not find that nation of 100,000,000 could stand unsupported, and though she has momentarily subjected it, she is still faced with tremendous difficulties, which she will not be long in discovering.

What is the remedy for this new, yet old, danger which faces Great Britain in the East? Years ago the Kaiser invented the "yellow peril," and thereby threw dust in our eyes, hoping, without a

doubt, to blind us to the only real peril that existed—the "white peril," as the East used to say when speaking of the West-armed to the teeth. Now that Germany, the "white peril," is ambitious to force the door to the East, that she is a danger not only to Europe, but to the whole of Asia, it is time that Japan and China unite their forces to assist us in barring the path along which the legions of William II. will soon be marching. Mr. Bonar Law's speech in the House of Commons on March 7th shows that the gravity of the problem is realised in official quarters, and one can only hope that every step both diplomatically and militarily will be taken to meet the situation.

A ROD IN PICKLE.
There must be no repetition of the errors which, in the opinion of eye-witnesses of Russia's agony, were undoubtedly committed by us in that country. I take hope not only from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's speech, but also from the words of the Chinese Minister in Rome, Wan Kousang, who, in an interview, has just said:—"For our present pressing measures have been taken against eventualities. Our interests are in absolute harmony with those of the Entente—the ties which unite us will be still further strengthened by the making of new treaties to meet the new conditions, for, of course, any policy of intervention requires to be preceded by careful diplomatic preparations." China and Japan then must be induced to co-operate with us in the East. At the same time we must do our best to assist an awakening Russia to defeat Bolshevism, and get out of the quagmire into which she has fallen. The hope of Russia lies in the Cossacks, in such men as Korniloff and Alexieff, the latter of whom is now busily instructing a National Guard of Volunteers in the district of the Don. Provided we hold fast to our determination to fight this long war to a finish, there is still a rod in pickle for the Central Empires among the old believers, to whom the majority of the Cossacks and many millions of hardy, patriotic settlers belong.—Dundee Advertiser.

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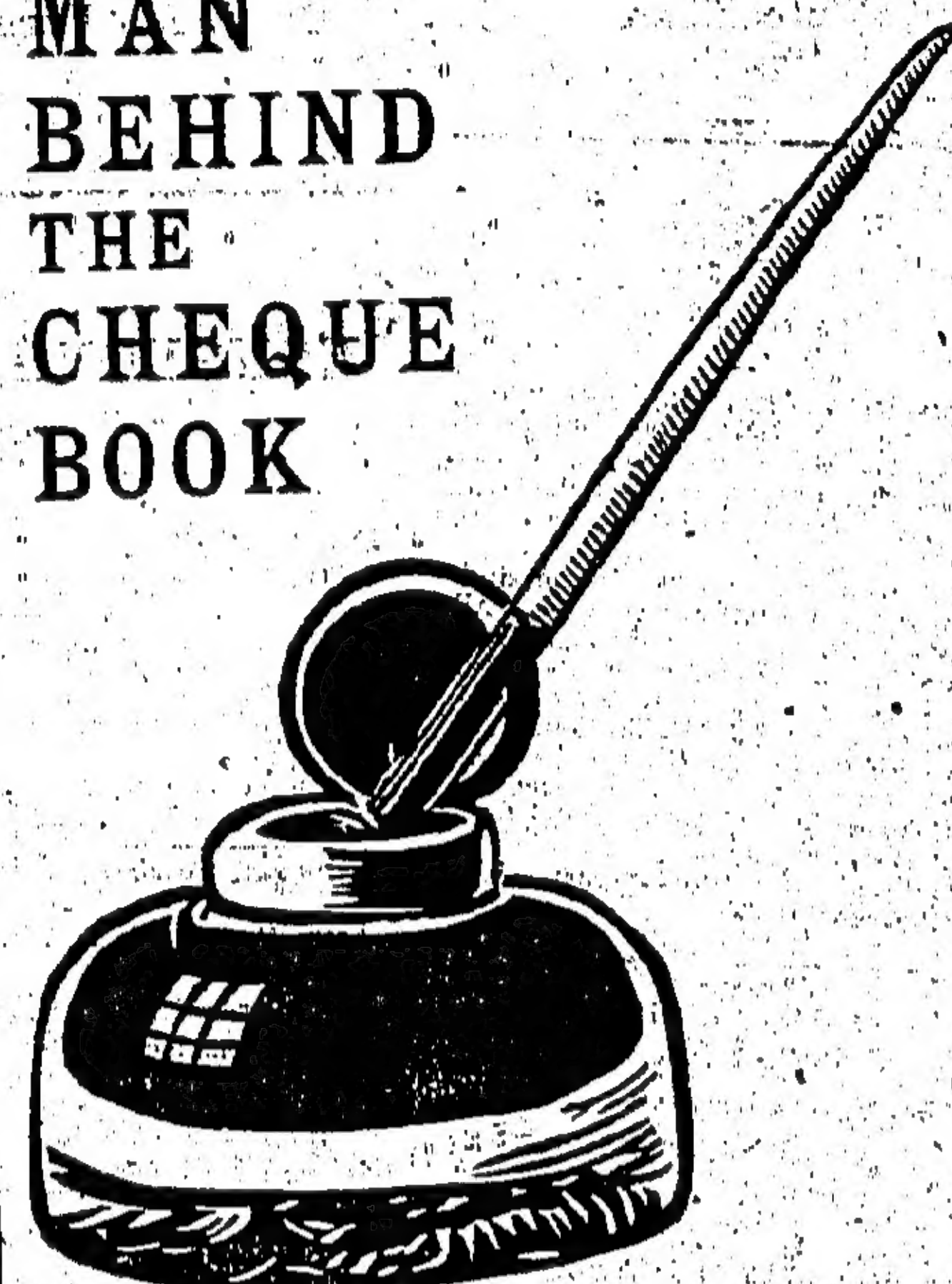
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TELEGRAMS.

POLITICAL SENSATION IN ENGLAND.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND GENERAL MAURICE'S LETTER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Bonar Law suggested that, perhaps, Mr. Asquith would think it better to have the discussion after the report of the Judges. (Cries of "No.")

Replying to Sir Edward Carson, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the enquiry must obviously be private, as it would involve the examination of secret documents.

Sir Edward Carson: Will Members of the Cabinet, and ex-Members of the Cabinet be allowed to state before the Judges what transpired before the Cabinet?

Mr. Bonar Law: That should be decided by the Judges themselves, but I cannot believe any Judge will refuse the evidence of any Minister or ex-Minister desiring to be heard.

Hon. Sir Hedworth Mux (Admiral of the Fleet) affirmed that Mr. Bonar Law's answers would be received with the greatest dissatisfaction by the Army and Navy, who were sick to death of the way things were going on in the House of Commons.

The Speaker: I thought Sir Hedworth Mux rose to ask a question, and not to make a Hyde Park oration.

Sir Edward Carson: Cannot the Members of the Cabinet be allowed from secrecy without an Act of Parliament?

Mr. Bonar Law, replying, emphasized the fact that the Government proposed to submit the question to two Judges, whom he was willing to allow Mr. Asquith to select, which clearly proved that there was no desire to baffle the examination.

Mr. W. M. R. Fringle (Liberal M.P. for Lanark): Will the disciplinary measures against General Maurice be suspended, pending the finding of the Court?

Mr. Bonar Law: No. Even if every statement were true, the discipline of the Army will be impossible if such letters are permitted to be published.

Answering a further question, Mr. Bonar Law said: Does Mr. Asquith think that the Government ought not to proceed with the settling up of the Court until after the discussion in the House of Commons?

Mr. Asquith: Certainly.

THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS TRIAL.

MINISTERIAL CIRCLES VIEW "SITUATION SERENELY."

THE "OLD GANG'S" ATTEMPTS TO RETURN TO POWER.

LONDON, May 8. The Maurice sensation has produced a political situation which the Lobby Correspondents agree is likely to have momentous consequences. There is some doubt as to what course the Government will pursue to-morrow, but whether it adheres to the decision to appoint a Court of Honour as, some, notably the Times and the Daily Express, declare it will, or prefers to place its case directly before the House of Commons, as the Daily News and other Lobby Correspondents suggest, the general opinion is that the Government is on a trial for its life.

The Daily Telegraph says the Opposition, headed by Mr. Asquith, undoubtedly regards the time as ripe for replacing the Government and is prepared to accept office.

This is confirmed by the Daily Mail, which declares that "the old gang" believe they have found a weapon to destroy the Government, and imagine that the country is ready for the return to power of Mr. Asquith, Lord Lansdowne, Viscount Grey, Mr. McKenna and Mr. Herbert Samuel.

That the Government considers Mr. Asquith's motion as a vote of censure is confirmed by the issue of urgent whips to its supporters. The House yesterday apparently opposed the Court of Honour and it is stated that Mr. Lloyd George will to-morrow give the House of Commons the fullest information, even perhaps quoting the figures supplied to him by the Army Council, to justify the

statements regarding the strength and dispositions of the British Armies. While some Members of the House of Commons were of the opinion yesterday that the existence of the Government was only a question of a few weeks, a political crisis at the present juncture is undoubtedly unwelcome.

The Morning Post violently attacks Mr. Lloyd George as having "proved unfit to drive the chariot of war," but the paper admits there will be numerous abstentions, especially amongst Unionists, if Mr. Asquith's motion is pressed to a division, while the absence of the Nationalists in Ireland is a point in the Government's favour.

The Daily News' Lobby Correspondent, while declaring that the House of Commons is definitely less friendly to the Government and more strongly inclined to re-assess its authority and prerogatives, admits the motion may not bode the fall of the Government, which he claims, will have a complete answer to the charges.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial, says the needs for secrecy are precisely the reason why the tribunal should be composed of Parliamentarians, presenting the main groups in the House.

The Daily Telegraph says: The situation is as serious as it could well be. We see no necessity for a Court of Honour, which is quite out of keeping with the spirit of our institutions. We are convinced that the Government is still entitled to the confidence of the country.

The Morning Post says: Not merely the honour of Ministers but the honour of Parliament is involved. The hand of Nemesis is now stretched to Mr. Lloyd George.

The Daily News says: The Government's course for months past has created a condition of distrust and distrust which is a menace to the country. This menace must cease. The Government's decision to abandon the Court of Honour means an instant verdict and that is supremely desirable.

The Daily Express hopes the Government will dispose of the latest mare's nest in such an unmistakable manner that unrestricted assaults on the Government will cease.

The Daily Mail says: We believe intimated partisan have made another miscellany. Nobody not utterly besotted by the craze for politics can suppose that Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law deliberately lied. The country has no confidence in discredited and dilatory politicians and pacifist hangers-on driven from office eighteen months ago.

The Times says: No Government can afford to ignore or merely rebut such a challenge. Unless and until it is impartially investigated and disproved it will profoundly shake public confidence and revive controversies which are especially mischievous in view of the coming enemy effort to divide the Allies. We are convinced that the public would rather trust judges to make a disinterested enquiry than any conceivable body of politicians.

"IF WE HOLD, WE SHALL WIN."

MR. CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE TO MUNITION WORKERS.

LONDON, May 8.

Mr. Churchill, while acknowledging the patriotic resolution of the National Brassworkers' and Metal Mechanics' Society recording the bravery and sacrifices of the fighting forces and urging munition workers to redouble their efforts, says he is profoundly confident that Right and Freedom will not be beaten down. He does not believe that the German reserves will suffice for the ambitious programme of destroying the Allied Armies, notwithstanding Germany's expressed willingness to sacrifice a million and a half of men in order to secure the domination of Europe. The French and British Armies will maintain a firm front throughout the summer, while the Americans are coming to our aid as fast as their ships can steam. Our Navy is coping with the submarines and our aircraft are a mastery of the air in view.

"If we hold, we shall win."

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY NEAR KEMMEL.

LONDON, May 8.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

As a result of minor operations, we advanced our line to a short distance in three localities between the Somme and the Ancre, taking prisoners. Hostile artillery was active at night between Locos and Robeco and in the neighbourhood of St. Julien.

It also developed with considerable activity on the morning of the 8th on the Meteren-Kemmel sector.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

FOURTEEN ENEMY MACHINES BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, May 8.

A French communiqué states: There was marked reciprocal artillery activity on the Haillies-Villers Bretonneux front.

Four enemy aeroplanes were brought down and ten fell damaged in their own lines.

We dropped 4,500 kilogrammes of bombs on the railway station of Flaville, and on Martel, Mounis, Ham, Giscard, Noyon and Vermand.

POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM YPRES?

PARIS, May 7.

The Matin, discussing the possibility of a withdrawal from Ypres, points out that Germany is already preparing to halt what would merely consist of the occupation of a sector voluntarily evacuated.

"GENERALISSIMO FOCH IS MASTER OF THE GAME."

SIGNOR ORLANDO'S TESTIMONY.

LONDON, May 8.

Signor Orlando, the Italian Premier, interviewed on the Italian Front on his return from France, said he found all the Allied military chiefs convinced that the German onrush was stopped. The Germans would neither reach the Channel nor separate the English and the French. "Generalissimo Foch is a master of the game," he said.

Signor Orlando emphasised that Italy associated herself with the intimate military and political union between the Entente nations. The Abbeville Conference recognised the unity of the Front from the North Sea to the Adriatic as a concrete reality.

AMERICAN CHALLENGE TO GERMAN THREAT.

CORN FOR SWITZERLAND IN SPIKE OF NO "SAFE CONDUCT."

BERNE, May 7.

The American Legation states that a recent German semi-official declaration that German "safe conduct" for American ships carrying grain for Switzerland would only operate after three months is tantamount to a declaration that Germany maintains a blockade of Switzerland.

The United States Government accepts the challenge. Two ships flying the American flag and laden with corn for Switzerland are now en route to a French Atlantic port, escorted by American warships.

GREATER MAN-POWER RESOURCES.

PLACED AT GENERAL FOCH'S DISPOSAL.

PARIS, May 7.

The Petit Journal, referring to the recent Conference in France between Mr. Lloyd George, Generalissimo Foch, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Pershing, says that Great Britain and America, recognising the necessity of intensifying military action, were placing greater man-power resources at Generalissimo Foch's disposal.

The newspaper, after dwelling on the "almost insuperable difficulty" of an invasion of England, declares that Great Britain now realises this and is acting accordingly.

NEW VESSELS LAUNCHED IN AMERICA.

OVER 70,000 TONS IN MAY.

WASHINGTON, May 7.

Ten steel ships of 80,000 tons and six wooden ships of 6 tonnage of 21,000 were launched in America in May.

ANOTHER NEW ALLY.

NICARAGUA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY.

SAN JUAN-DE-LOS-RIOS, May 8.

Nicaragua has declared war on the Central Powers.

There were only four votes against the Congress's declaration of war. The President has been authorised to utilize the nation's forces to the fullest.

NEW ERA IN OUR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

AN APOLOGIA FOR AMERICA'S DELAYED ENTRY.

LONDON, May 8.

Mr. Balfour, addressing the London University, declared that if we had been in the same position as America we might have hesitated even longer than she before entering the war. He never thought an apology was required for the fact that America did not rush into the fray earlier. He firmly believed that America's entry marked the beginning of the foundation and cornerstone of a new era of international relations in which the English-speaking peoples were destined to take a leading part. He believed that the American-British union would survive the present necessities and an opportunity will be given to all nations and races to develop along the lines that were best for them. On the other hand, a German victory would unquestionably mean blighting domination and sterilization, at root of all the higher growths of civilisation.

EXCELLENT MOSLEM IMPRESSION IN JERUSALEM.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES WITHOUT INTERFERENCE.

LONDON, May 7.

A telegram from Jerusalem states that the annual pilgrimage to Naby Musa was carried out on April 28th. The Military authorities assisted in every way possible and the ceremonies occurred without disturbance of any kind. An excellent impression was produced in Moslem circles, and sentiments of loyalty to His Majesty the King and gratitude to the Commander-in-Chief were expressed everywhere.

THE CASE OF LIEUT.-COLONEL TRENCHARD.

LONDON, May 7.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Government was corresponding with Lieut.-Colonel Trenchard on the question of his employment.

SINN FEIN IN ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY.

LONDON, May 8.

Sir Edward Carson, in the course of a letter to the Press, proposing a Unionist reconsideration of the Irish policy in view of the recent anti-Conscription manifestations, declares that the Government possess the clearest evidence that the Sinn Fein organisation is in alliance with Germany.

M.P. FOR EXETER.

LONDON, May 7.

Sir Robert Newnman has returned unopposed for Exeter.

GERMAN-DUTCH SETTLEMENT.

AMSTERDAM, May 6.

The Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant, referring to the German-Dutch agreement states that Holland has restricted transport on land and water to civilian supplies.

The newspaper complains, however, that Germany hastened the negotiations by military threats, a fact from which the people will not fail to draw their own conclusions.

PORTUGUESE CONSTITUTION.

RE-MODELLING ON U.S.A. FAVOURED.

LONDON, May 8.

The newly elected Deputies and Senators favour the re-modelling of the Constitution on the basis of the United States.

CENTRAL POWERS' TREATY WITH RUMANIA.

A LIST OF THE EIGHT CONDITIONS.

AMSTERDAM, May 8.

The Peace Treaty between Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, on the one hand, and Rumania, on the other, comprises eight chapters. The first deals with the re-establishment of peace and friendship, the second with the re-establishment of diplomatic relations, the third with the Rumanian demobilisation, which provides inter alia, the continued existence of the Rumanian military Bureau, with supreme authorities, and military institutions, but otherwise a complete demobilisation, except of two divisions in Bessarabia, which will remain till the danger from the Austro-German operations in Ukraine ceases.

GERMANY UNEASY OVER UKRAINIAN SITUATION.

MILITARY MEASURES SHARPLY CRITICISED.

AMSTERDAM, May 7.

It is reported from Kiev that the Germans have disarmed an Ukrainian division.

Germany is apparently very uneasy over the Ukrainian situation. The discussion in the Reichstag evoked very sharp Progressive criticism of the German military measures, which the Progressives declared had created a dangerous situation. A very speedy ratification of the Ukrainian peace treaty was urgent. General Skoropadski's alleged pro-Germanism, was discredited and the new Ministry was described as a Great Russian one.

ARMISTICE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GERMANO-UKRAINIANS.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PENDING.

LONDON, May 8.

A Russian wireless message states: An armistice has been concluded on May 4 on the Kurk-front between Germano-Ukrainians and the Russians, pending peace negotiations. A neutral zone, ten kilometres deep, has been defined.

RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET.

SURRENDER AT ODESSA.

ZURICH, May 8.

A message from Kiev via Vienna states that the Russian Black Sea fleet have arrived at Odessa from Sebastopol and surrendered to the local authorities.

PRUSSIAN FRANCHISE.

BILL PASSES SECOND READING.

AMSTERDAM, May 7.

The Prussian Lower House has passed the second reading of the Electoral Reform Bill.

PASSENGERS FROM BRITAIN TO IRELAND.

PERMIT NECESSARY FOR CIVILIANS.

LONDON, May 8.

The Press Bureau states: Civilian passengers from Great Britain to Ireland must possess a permit.

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TRAINING GALLOPS.

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HAGGIE, 39, 1.17, 1.51.1, 1.43.1.	1.43.1.
MARNE, 37, 1.10, 1.43, 1.43.	33.3.
DOUBT, 35, 1.10, 1.43, 1.43.	33.3.
PERKIN, 35, 1.10, 1.43, 1.43.	33.3.
HAGGIE, 39, 1.17, 1.51.1, 1.43.1.	1.43.1.
SMITH, 37, 1.10, 1.43, 1.43.	33.3.
RIDGEWAY, 36, 1.07.5, 1.41.4.	1.43.1.
ANTICIPATION, 38, 1.10, 1.43.2, 1.43.2.	33.2.
BURBLESAND, 37, 1.12, 1.43.2, 1.43.2.	33.2.
MORNING GLOZY, 39, 1.11.4, 1.46.5, 1.43.4.	1.43.4.
BLACK CAT, 39, 1.14.5, 1.48, 1.43.2.	33.2.
CAMOUFLAGE, 38, 1.10, 1.43, 1.43.	33.2.
GENTLE CAT, 40, 1.10, 1.43.3, 1.43.3.	33.2.
STAMEN CAT, 37, 1.10.4, 1.43.1, 1.43.1.	33.2.
GREENGLASS, 40, 1.12.4, 1.47.3, 1.43.4.	33.2.
CHURCHMAN, 38, 1.14.4, 1.48.1, 1.43.2.	33.2.
BROWNMOORE, 36, 1.10.2, 1.43, 1.43.1.	33.2.
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